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Community Coke Output

Community coke output in September reached 6,176,000 metric tons, slightly below the August level of 6,299,000 metric tons, according to provisional figures released by the Statistics Division of the High Authority. This represented, however, an increase over the figure of 5,689,000 metric tons produced in September last year.

For the first nine months of the year Community coke production reached 55,573,000 metric tons, an increase of 9.5% over the figure of 50,739,000 for the corresponding period last year.

The breakdown of coke production by member countries was as follows:

	<u>September 1956</u>	<u>Jan.-Sept. 1956</u>
Germany	3,536,000	32,312,000
Belgium	619,000	5,406,000
France	993,000	9,030,000
Saar	353,000	3,141,000
Italy	282,000	2,550,000
Netherlands	343,000	3,134,000
TOTAL	6,176,000	55,573,000

Pithead coal stocks in September stood at 6,596,000 metric tons as against 6,901,000 in August 1956 and 9,427,000 in September last year.

Community iron ore output in September totalled 6,782,000 metric tons, as compared with 6,405,000 in August and 6,496,000 in September last year. Community iron ore production from January to September 1956 totalled 60,125,000, an increase of 7.6% over the figure of 55,884,000 for the corresponding period of last year.